

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Alabama: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably rain on coast tonight and Saturday. Slowly rising temperature. Moderate winds.

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PRESIDENT DEMANDS DIRECT LEASE OF THE SHOALS BY A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

NORTH ALABAMA IS BEING TALKED FOR FUTURE ACTIVITY

Former Resident Says Plans On Foot In Florida

SHOALS SECTION HAS ATTENTION

Offices Maintained In Cities For The Land Selling

That North Alabama is being talked as a future boom territory is the message brought back today by W. J. Garnett, former Albany-Decatur business man who is at present located at Miami. Mr. Garnett declares that Muscle Shoals offices are being opened in the Florida cities and that considerable shoals realty values are being sold. The former Albany-Decatur merchant is here on a visit to relatives through the holiday season.

Mr. Garnett declared that at the present time four or five offices are open in the city of Miami selling and talking Shoals properties. He said that the sale of North Alabama lands was not confined to the Shoals immediate territory, but included several sections in this end of the state.

Word of the shoals boom being talked in Florida was received here less than two weeks ago when another Albany-Decatur resident, Mrs. J. T. Jones, now wintering in Florida, wrote to the Daily and told of the plans underway for bringing North Alabama into national prominence.

Further efforts toward developing this section will be made in the immediate future, it is believed, as the result of a full page review in the New York papers telling of the potential valley to be found in the valley and of the interest already manifested by capitalists in the nation.

It is noticeable that local residents are of a like opinion, confidence being expressed in their daily speech. Many are of the opinion that the Florida boom will come and go, but that the Valley boom will be more permanent owing to the lack of a boom will find in this territory. Backing will be found in valley waterways, complete transportation systems, in the hills and in the agricultural resources of the state of partial development.

Mr. Garnett stated that he was now in the Florida section and liked the country but that he was coming back to North Alabama with his friends, though the stories of fabulous Florida wealth in real estate deals are true in every sense of the word.

Big Appropriation Bill Is Reported

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—The first big appropriation bill of the year—that for the treasury and post-office department—was reported to the house today, calling for increased expenditures of \$103,962,000 over the total allowed, these establishments in last year's allotments.

The amount \$864,352,000 is \$4,606,000 below the budget estimate. A large part of the increase is for the postal service to meet increased salaries and to handle a great amount of mail.

Braves Curse



Harry Houdini, magician and exposé of fake mediums, was skeptical that the curse of death, called down on his head by Margery (Mrs. Le Roy Crandon), would be effective.

FOUR CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Home In Flames When Members Of Family Discover Blaze

(Associated Press)

HOLDEN, Mass., Dec. 18—Four children of John J. Hoey were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed the Hoey home, a two story dwelling. The eldest was a girl of 15, the others were boys, seven, nine and eleven.

Mrs. Hoey and her baby were seriously, but not dangerously, burned.

The father and three of the seven children, Mrs. Hoey's father, John Murphy and a farm hand, escaped unhurt. Murphy arose soon after three o'clock and while in the back of the house, he noticed a light through a crack in the hall door. Supposing Mrs. Hoey was coming down stairs, he opened the door and was confronted by flames. He shouted to arouse the sleeping family and rushed outside to get a ladder he had left leaning against the house in order to rescue them, but the children had moved the ladder and it could not be found. Meanwhile Mr. and Mrs. Hoey and three of the seven children and the farm hand had rushed to safety.

White Christmas at Central Methodist

The congregation of the Central Methodist church will observe White Christmas Sunday afternoon in the church auditorium, at which time a cantata will be rendered by the choir. A cordial invitation was extended to the public to attend.

The offering to be taken at the time will be divided between the denominational orphanage and the relief fund of the local church.

BODY OF FARMER WHO RAN AMUCK FOUND IN WOODS

Dog Leads Posse to the Scene After All Night Vigil

BEAT HIS WIFE TO DEATH WITH CLUB

Handed Baby to Wife of Neighbor Then Shot Friend to Death

(Associated Press)

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 18—S. A. McAdams, Sulphur Springs farmer, who yesterday ran amuck, beat his wife to death; fatally wounded J. D. Helton, an aged farmer, and slightly wounded three other persons, was found dead today in a clump of woods a short distance from the Helton home.

A posse, which searched through the greater part of last night for McAdams, a former inmate of the state asylum for the insane, located his body shortly after daybreak when they followed a small dog, owned by McAdams, to a secluded spot in the woods.

The dog was covered with frost and apparently had kept vigil through the night over the man's body.

Part of McAdams' head was torn away by a charge from a shotgun fired by the crazed man, apparently by placing the barrel of the gun against his face and forcing down the trigger. Officers believe McAdams beat his wife to death shortly after his return with her and their children from a Christmas shopping expedition to Pine Bluff. The woman's face was crushed and her throat and chest slashed. After killing his wife McAdams went to the Helton home, carrying his five year old child, handed the baby to Mrs. Helton and shot her husband to death. Encountering three youths on a roadway, he disarmed them, fired three shots at them and made his way into the woods where his body was located today.

Fugitive Without Rights In Courts

(Associated Press)

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 18—A fugitive from justice has no rights in the courts of Alabama.

This was the ruling handed down here by Presiding Judge C. R. Brickman, of the Court of Appeals in the case of George Angelo, alias Michael Burch. The negro was convicted in Jefferson county on charges of burglary and sentenced to from 15 to twenty years in the penitentiary. He appealed, but elected to begin serving sentence pending action of the higher court. On September 7, of this year, before the court had taken any action, Angelo escaped from Kilby prison and has been at large since.

The appeal was therefore dismissed by the court under the ruling quoted above.

Plan Pageant At Westside Church

The Westside Presbyterian church is preparing a beautiful Christmas pageant, called "The Spirit of Christianity," which shows, in tableau form, the birth of Christ, and the visit of the Magi.

The old hymns and English carols will be used in presenting the story, and they appeal to both the young and the old. Mrs. O. J. Thomas has the program in charge and R. M. Montgomery is musical director. The public is cordially invited to attend this service on Christmas night.

MITCHELL DECISION SCORED BY REID IN STATEMENT TODAY

Defense Counsel Says Court Convened To "Get Officer"

BILL INTRODUCED TO CURB POWER

Laguardia Seeks to Put Limit On Penalty For Infractions

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Charges that ordinary military procedure was not followed in the courtmartial of Colonel William Mitchell and that the court was convened in order to get Mitchell and get him quick were made today in a statement issued by Representative Frank E. Reid, of Illinois who was chief defense counsel for the air officer during his trial.

The "general staff" Mr. Reid said, grabbed at the long-sought opportunity for prosecuting Mitchell in terror of the new step which the advancing troop was about to take.

"This, everybody knows," "If he was tried, it was because they wished it, not because he did anything to the prejudice of good order and military discipline."

"It was they alone who made the president and the majority of war their tools."

Congress To Act

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—The first congressional echo of the courtmartial conviction of Colonel William M. Mitchell took the form today of a bill by Representative Laguardia, of New York, socialist, to greatly curtail the authority of courtmartial in pronouncing sentence on those convicting or violating the 96th article of war.

Under the measure 30 days suspension from the army would be the maximum penalty for violating that article, under which Colonel Mitchell was convicted. The new statute leaves punishment to the discretion of the court. In the case of Colonel Mitchell the penalty was five years suspension.

Since the Mitchell is not complete and effective until approved by President Coolidge, the limitations proposed by Mr. Laguardia presumably would apply to that case, if the proposal became law before the President acted.

The 96th article of war is the "general article" providing for punishment of unenumerated offenses against military regulations.

CRUDE RUBBER COST PROBE IS SOUGHT

Manipulation Of Prices Said To Have Been Very Expensive

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Charging a manipulation of crude rubber prices by the British Colonial government, Representative Tilson, republican leader, today introduced a resolution asking for an investigation by a house committee.

As a result of alleged manipulation Mr. Tilson asserted, the United States industries are paying \$700,000,000 more annually for crude rubber than is warranted.

The republican leader conferred with Secretary Hoover before offering the resolution, which proposed the investigation be conducted by the house commerce committee. Immediate consideration of the resolution was blocked, pending disposition of the tax bill.

ALLEGED BANDIT IS CAPTURED AFTER A BATTLE WITH POLICE

Italian Club, Memphis, Raided By Pair Of Bold Bandits

AUTO LICENSE GIVES COP CLUE

Police Declare Suspect Admits Taking Part In The Hold-up

(Associated Press)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 18—Two men early today entered the Italian club in the downtown business district, held up a score or more patrons and obtained loot estimated in value at between \$1500 and \$2000.

Half an hour later a man, who gave his name as Charles Eckelson, Bartlesville, Okla., was captured after a running pistol fight with police and detectives. They say that he admitted that he participated in the holdup. He was wounded slightly. His companion escaped.

About \$200 was found in the man's pocket. According to the police he said he and his companion came to Memphis several days ago. An automobile, bearing an Oklahoma license, was found in front of the club after the hold up.

TROUP TRUSTEE OF DRY ORGANIZATION

Dr. Branscomb Chief of Anti-Saloon League Of Alabama

Judge L. P. Troup, probate judge of Morgan County, has been elected a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Anti-Saloon league, which organization has received the resignation of Dr. W. B. Crumpton, who for 21 years has been president of the organization. Dr. L. C. Branscomb, of Anniston, has been elected as new president.

The regular meeting of the league was held Thursday in Birmingham at the Y. M. C. A. there, the meeting being attended by many prominent Alabamians, who pledged themselves to continue the fight against any modification or weakening of the prohibition laws and to a continued program of law enforcement.

In addition to Dr. Branscomb, the new president, the following other officers were elected: Dr. E. W. Gable, of Selma, first vice president; Dr. J. R. Hobbs, of Birmingham, second vice president; F. F. Ballard, of Birmingham, secretary and C. Ratliffe, of Birmingham, treasurer, J. Bibb Mills, of Birmingham, was re-elected superintendent of the league for another year. Resolutions were adopted congratulating Mr. Mills on the services he has rendered during his administration.

Court Proponents Still Hold Stage

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Proponents of the world court continued to hold the stage today in the senate, Senator Lanroot, republican, of Wisconsin, taking up the argument for American adhesion where it was left off yesterday by Senator Swanson of Virginia, in opening the debate.

POSTOFFICE OPEN

Notices were posted today at the Albany postoffice to the effect that the parcel post window will remain open evening until Christmas. The window will be open until 9 o'clock.

Executive Tells Chairman Snell He Wants Action

Coolidge Moves To Keep Fight From The Floor

SNELL ALSO TO APPROVE IDEA

He Would Stipulate Primary Purpose Is For Nitrate

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—President Coolidge told Chairman Snell, of the house rules committee today, that he favored creation of a committee to dispose of Muscle Shoals, without requiring it to receive congressional approval of any lease negotiated.

Mr. Snell whose committee has jurisdiction over several resolutions, looking to disposition of the property, said he also was in favor of giving the commission final authority subject only to presidential approval of the issue.

If a commission is created with the stipulation that the house and senate must approve a lease, in Mr. Snell's opinion, the whole question only would be thrown back into congress with little possibility of early action.

Mr. Snell expressed the view that the commission should be prohibited from negotiating a lease for a term of more than 50 years and that it should be required to stipulate that the primary purpose of Muscle Shoals is to produce nitrate.

While the rules committee expects to discuss the Muscle Shoals question before congress, it is probable that any resolution will be reported until after the new year.

PROMINENT PEOPLE SUFFER POISONING

Ptomaine Attack Follows The Noon-day Meal

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Buchanan, 443 Sherman street, are resting well today following an attack of ptomaine poisoning Friday afternoon as the result of eating portions of pressed meat at the noon day meal. For a time the condition of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan were considered dangerously ill.

The ptomaine attack occurred near four o'clock Friday afternoon, Dr. W. C. Bailey being summoned to the residence. Dr. Buchanan's condition became grave at 5:30 o'clock and adrenalin was administered. Mrs. Buchanan did not suffer so violent an attack.

Friends of the family were happy to learn that the condition of the prominent physician and his wife was no longer thought to be dangerous and that immediate recovery is expected.

Two Additional Banks Are Closed

(Associated Press)

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18—Two additional Denver banks, Capital City state bank and the Metropolitan State bank, failed to open today. Two national banks and one state bank were closed yesterday.



ALBANY-DECATUR

Offers Day-Night Ferry Service



"Bobbed Hair"
A DAZZLING MYSTERY STORY BY
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CHAPTER XIX—Continued

"It's too bad," Connemara murmured consolingly, trying not to giggle. "Still, I'm not so sure it's such a bad thing for us they did make a get-away. We've all been mixed up in some pretty queer proceedings. I'm afraid, and Aunt Celimena would just naturally have died if we'd appeared on the front page of the morning papers. As for the money, you leave that to me. I've a sort of hunch—"

She walked over and held out her hand to the weeping Sweetie, who promptly slapped it away.

"Teeth like a darn fox terrier," she sobbed, and continued to rub her wounded leg.

Connemara again reached out her hand, and this time pulled the other girl to her feet. "I'm so sorry—truly, I am. But I just had to. Now—come in here, won't you, for a minute?"

Brushing her tears from her eyes, Sweetie reluctantly followed Connemara within the moonlit sitting room. "What a fine can of oil I turned out to be," she muttered. "To let a soft little social dame put it over on me."

"Don't feel so badly," Connemara smiled. "I didn't play fair. How could you know I'd bite you?" She put a hand on the girl's shoulder and patted her gently. Then a hard note came into her voice. "It's no use, you know. Hand it over, please."



"But—but I'm engaged," she stammered weakly.

Sweetie stared long into Connemara's face. The defiance of her expression gave way to defeat, then to hopelessness. "Yeh, all I get is the wreath of hand-painted raspberries." Shrugging her shoulders, she reached inside her blouse and "Take the damn stuff," she said, bitterly, "and a lot of good I hope it does you. Now what? The bulls?"

Connemara smiled winningly. "Bulls? You mean the police? Oh, no, Sweetie. What have they got to do with it? I haven't an idea who really owns this money. If it's yours, I'll give it back when you prove it. Meanwhile—we'll just keep still and watch."

"Oh, well," answered Sweetie, "who cares? Naw, it ain't mine. And if it interests you any, I'll tell you I'm glad to see the last of it."

"Poor kid," said Connemara, and once more she patted Sweetie's shoulder. "I like you—a lot. I want to have a talk with you later. Don't you get terribly sick of this sort of life?"

"Aw, for the love of Mike—don't bother about me. I ain't worth it." Nevertheless, with a quick movement, she grasped Connemara's hand and pressed it. "You're a damn good egg yourself."

"Well, what's up?" came Lacy's voice from the doorway. "Find the money?"

Connemara did not hesitate. Her eyelashes flickered slightly in signal to Sweetie as she answered cheerfully. "Um-hmm, wasn't it bright of me? I must be losing what little mind I have. It's been right where I—put it, all the time. You just forget what I dreamed about burying it, won't you?"

"Fine," Lacy said imperturbably, but his eyes looked straight into hers with a quick little glow of admiration. "And now, Miss—er, Sweetie, McTish seems to have something he wants to say to you out on the porch."

"Yeh?" Sweetie snickered. "Well, pardon me for livin'." Then to Connemara, "Holler if he gets fresh." She walked sedately out of the room.

"Snap on the lights," Connemara called after her, but Sweetie was already past the switch.

"Never mind the lights," Lacy spoke softly. He advanced to where the slim figure stood, her face lifted slightly in the blue glow of the moonlight. "Connemara—"

Connemara discovered suddenly that she was trembling. There was that in his voice, in the mere saying of her name, that was like little hands caressing her. This must stop. A man she had known for five minutes two years ago, and rather well—she had to admit that—for the twenty-four hours just past. Still, you couldn't call that time enough to—Or could you?

Who was he? What was he? And what right had he to do such things to her with that caress in his voice? She mustered up her old ally, facetiousness. "What a pity you don't make the stage your career."

But he shattered her silly defense efficiently. "Darling," he whispered. "You darling."

His hands were reaching for her. In a moment he would take her in his arms. . . . How to escape? Then, all at once she knew. She didn't want to escape.

"But—but I'm engaged," she stammered weakly.

"You bet your life you are!" Lacy exclaimed. Whatever else he may have meant to do or say was cut short by a blood-curdling shriek. With a thud remarkably reminiscent of that made by a sack of potatoes cast into a wagon, Aunt Celimena sat heavily down upon the top stair, and slid unceremoniously down upon them.

CHAPTER XX

George Palmer Putnam

By George Palmer Putnam

Halfway down the stairs, Aunt Celimena caught at the banisters, staying her erratic progress halfward, and rose to her feet. Anyone but Aunt Celimena would have been shaken by the sudden pitching forward into the darkness, but that good lady, after the briefest instant of pause to regain her breath, was once more in command of her dignity. Clutching her dressing gown about her, she dominated, by sheer will power, the strange assembly, half grouped in the front hall of Moorelands, and half overflowing upon the broad porch.

"Connemara," she called. "Will you be good enough to come and tell me what this is all about?"

Instead of answering, however, that young lady voiced an observation of her own.

"And now see who's here! The faithful family lawyer himself, completing the cast of our mellow melodrama." Connemara was on the crest again, her strenuous experiences, apparently even her bruises, for the moment forgotten.

Her sally forced the sudden appearance of Mr. Brewster descending in Aunt Celimena's wake, the only one of the gathering who was conventionally clad.

"That, my dear, will do," Aunt Celimena spoke grimly. "Naturally Mr. Brewster heard the extraordinary commotion going on downstairs and came to our assistance. Did you expect anyone to sleep through it?"

Her glance took in with deliberation the group below her, one by one, until it rested upon Sweetie in the doorway.

"Were they burglars, or this—this young person's recent associates?" she demanded. "You may remember that I warned you, Constance Mary, what would certainly be the result of bringing her into the house."

Sweetie took the accusation with entire equanimity. Tilting her snub nose to an angle even more acute than nature intended, she grinned impudently into the disapproving eyes of the lady who had thus libeled her, and shrugged her shoulders. It was Aunt Celimena who looked away first.

"I think," she said, to Mr. Brewster behind her, "that there are a number of matters that need explaining—at once."

The lawyer murmured an eager assent. From his expression it was clear that the very much doubted the ability of a number of people to explain—satisfactorily—a number of things, but he charitably refrained from putting this doubt into words.

(To be continued)

HARTSELLE IS HOST TO MORGAN COUNCIL

Instructive Program Is Given For The Large Crowd

The meeting of the Morgan county demonstration council, held at Hartselle during the past week proved most productive to those who gathered for the instructive proceedings. Morgan County folks interested in the work are greatly encouraged with the results of the work thus far and are attracting widespread attention with their growing spirit of enthusiasm.

The following program was followed:

1. Call to order by County home Demonstration Agent.
2. Invocation, by Rev. Rice, Junior Pastor Hartselle M. E. Church.
3. Welcome, Mrs. E. L. Hays of P. T. A. and Hartselle Culture Club.
4. Response, Mrs. Tom Price of Priceville Home Demonstration club.
5. Music, Under direction of Mrs. C. I. Lee.
6. Roll Call, by Secretary.
7. A Home Demonstration. Human interest story, By Mrs. J. W. Winton of Somerville Home Demonstration club.
8. The purpose of the county home Demonstration council, Miss Hamilton.
9. Discussion of council organization, Members of clubs.
10. Organization of council.
11. The years program. Discussion led by Miss Hamilton.
12. Appointment of committee by nominating committee.

1. Executive committee.
2. Entertainment committee.
3. Project leaders.
 - a. Millinery.
 - b. Clothing.
4. Constitution and By-laws.

12:30-1:30—Lunch served by the Hartselle Culture Club.

1:30-3:30 Afternoon session.

13. Music, Under direction of Mrs. Lee.
14. Reports:
 1. Women's Clubs.
 2. Girls clubs.
15. Club songs and yells, by Lacey Springs Girl's club.
16. Federation of clubs by Mrs. Arthur Stephenson, President Hartselle Culture Club.
17. General Discussion on Federation of County Council.
18. Federation of Morgan County Home Demonstration council.
19. Adjournment.

The ladies of Hartselle responded beautifully in helping to carry out the program, and the delicious lunch served by the Culture Club was thoroughly enjoyed.

This meeting impressed upon each one present the relative value and importance of a closer association and mutual understanding of the rural and town women.

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PUZZLE FIEND SAID TO HAVE SHOT WIFE

Angered Because She Would Not Help Solve Puzzle

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Angered because his bride of 17 months would not help him solve a cross word puzzle, Theodore Koerner, an ardent devotee of the pastime, seriously wounded her and killed himself.

Koerner, a telephone company adjuster, described as a here-to-for devoted husband, last night asked his wife, a telephone operator, to help him in solving a combination of letters.

"I have a headache," she replied. "I think I will go and lay down." A few moments later her husband appeared in the door with a pistol. He fired without speaking. The bullet struck her in the right temple. Her husband fired another shot at her, which missed its target and then turned the pistol on himself.

He had had two nervous breakdowns since summer and was on sick leave from his work. Mrs. Koerner's wound, at first, did not seem serious. Several hours, when she was talking to neighbors, she collapsed, and was taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

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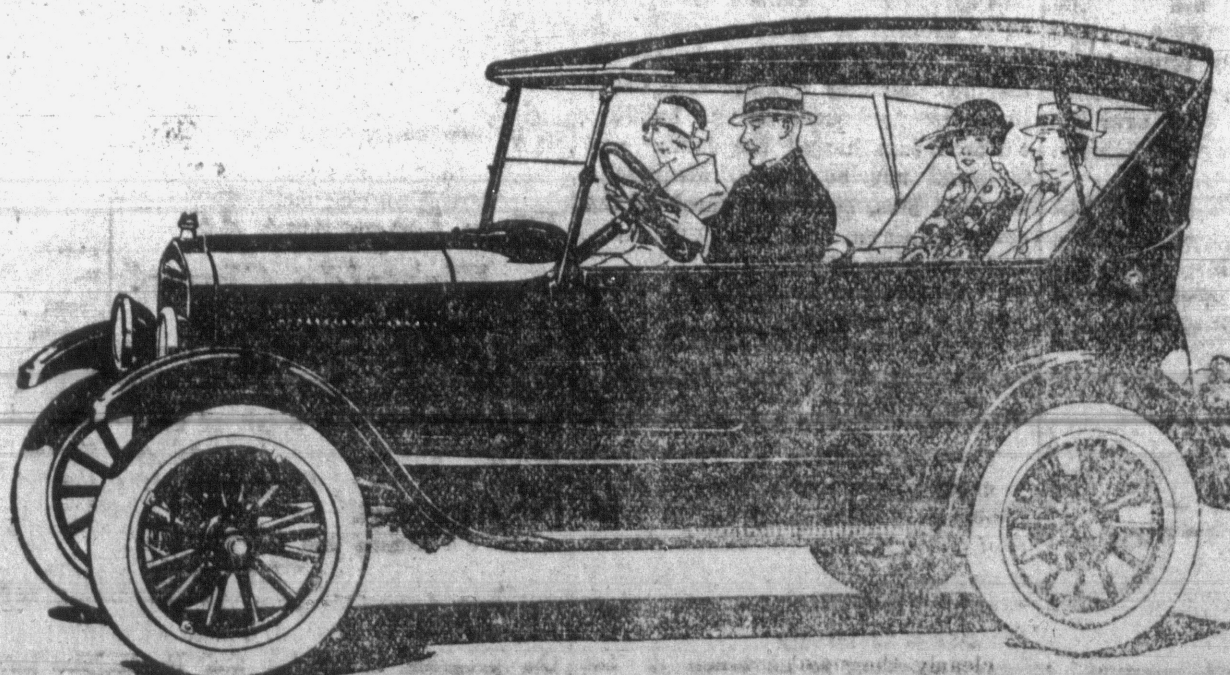
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12 Years Ago TODAY

From the Daily of
Dec. 18, 1913

Captain W. T. Rowden, one of the best known pilots on the river, has resigned his position with the Hitt Lumber Co.

Four hundred students of the Decatur High school got out of the building within forty seconds after a fire alarm.

A bad fire in the negro section of Decatur was finally brought under control last night after the street car system service had been demoralized with cars being stopped by hose.

Mr. and Mrs. Mont Groendyke announce the engagement and marriage of their daughter, Grace Dean, to Mr. J. W. Farmer, of Waycross, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Driskill leave Saturday for Birmingham for the holidays.

Trusting a friend usually gains returns, he will trust you when the rest of the world has turned its back.

Wonder how many people will pay any attention to firemen in warnings against using inflammable material in trimming Christmas trees?

When doing your Christmas shopping don't forget the first of the year tax list—beg your pardon, for crossing bridges.

Albany-Decatur, as usual, has answered the responses of organizations who in their turn take care of the poor at the Christmastide. To what better advantage, what greater dividend, could the money be spent?

It was suggested to a merchant that had he added the letter "s" to his advertisement, in which he named his establishment, "The store with the Christmas spirit," that he would have been forced to lock his doors to keep the people out. And there may be some truth in that, too.

All these fellows who are so busy looking over Shoals properties would help themselves a bit if they took the time to cast a glance toward Albany-Decatur. "The gateway of the southland," "The Queen cities of the Tennessee Valley."

Speaking of newspaper bromides—have you ever witnessed a program being "carried out?" That's what they say in the newspapers and to save time and thought we would like to know just how far and how fast a program is carried and who is doing the carrying?

A citizen voiced the sentiment of thousands of other people a few days ago when he said, "I have rather live here than anywhere else in the world, the folks here are good people, when you're down they'll help you up, some day I may be down myself and I know the people of these cities will enough understand and they will help wherever there is opportunity."

The Kiwanis show, "Sunshine," proved worth all the effort and time spent in the past two weeks, the cast being well adapted and the audience doubly pleased with the style and character of the play. "Sunshine's" real worth will not be known until Christmas morning when hundreds of little folk of this section really have sunshine brought into their lives—some of them for the first time experiencing the joy of a visit from Santa. The way to make good citizens of the little fellows is in being a good citizen to them. We feel that the Kiwanians will have fulfilled that mission before the good year 1925 has rolled out at midnight December 31.

JITNEY-TAXI TURMOIL A PLAN TO REMOVE THE

It is stated that the Albany city council is planning to devise a plan or method for the regulation of city traffic in taxicabs and jitneys and The Daily, for one, is happy to note the progress. The council is taking a progressive step in attempting to unravel the troubles of pedestrians, motorists and taxi drivers. The establishing of such a plan will prove an aid to the taxi driver as well as to the general public.

SIBERT STRIKES THE RIGHT ATTITUDE; ALABAMA WILL RESPOND

General William L. Sibert, one of the foremost figures in the Alabama of today, has struck a correct attitude in suggesting that the movement for the future development of the port at Mobile revolve about statewide co-operation, making the port something of material value to the entire state and remove from the minds of the people any idea that the port development means only added revenue and trade for the city of Mobile. We believe that the people of Alabama see clearly the point General Sibert is making. He is making the same point highway chiefs have been making regarding the building of roadways—highway officials want the passage of the bond issue and they put the matter squarely be-

fore the people of the state, precisely what General Sibert wishes to do relative to the development of Alabama's seaport.

Alabamians are solid on both points. They realize the advantage of the port, they can see the need for the roads. We believe that General Sibert will only have to suggest that the state co-operate with him in any manner he may approve to find that the pulse of the citizens in other parts of the state are beating in the same time as the pulse of the people of Mobile. We want the port, we want the roads—officials who have won the faith of citizenship will not have to worry over the future. General Sibert, Governor Brandon and John A. Rogers have won their way into the hearts of Alabamians. They only have to make it known where they stand and they generally find a majority over the state standing with them.

OBIE LEE, A TYPE OF MAN IN WHOSE LIFE A LESSON MIGHT BE FOUND

The Daily joins with the relatives and the hundreds of friends who mourn the passing of Obie Lee, citizen who slept on into the beyond Thursday morning after a life of service for those around him, a life devoted to the good interests of others. Obie Lee was a type of man in whose life a lesson can be found, the lesson of happiness the happiness that results from kind treatment of others, consideration for fellowmen. It is not necessary that a man be expressing himself to the multitudes, a wearer of the finest raiment, a leader in civic progress, a man who lets the world know his principles to be called successful. He does not have to be seen in every public meeting espousing a cause to be loved by those close to him—Mr. Lee was not such a man. Yet, when the day of final reckoning is come it is found that Mr. Lee had friends, many of them—people who would gladly have served him had he called. He was not the sort to call, his pleasure was in serving. Organizations will miss his happy smile, his genial manner. Relatives will find it difficult to fill his place. Those who worked with him daily will miss the kindly spirit which pervaded the shop when he entered. The cities will miss a useful citizen. May others follow his splendid example, his method of finding happiness in service to others.

IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO FIND THE CHRISTMAS FEELING

Just plenty of people wait until the last minute rush, the Christmas eve crowds, before they really get into the spirit of Christmas and it is not at all necessary. One has but to traverse the streets of the cities to find the Christmas spirit. It is in the smiling faces of people, some people who have no allowed a smile to crack hard and visages for months. Look into the windows of establishments, observe the wreaths of red and green in the homes, the tiny Christmas bells hanging in the windows of homes. Don't you get sort of a glad some feeling when you know that people around you are happy and are planning to make someone else happy? Are you not cognizant of the fact that while we are all busy planning to buy this, that and the other for those we love that there is yet a greater love above shining upon this earth? It is He who has made the Christmastide, it is He who allows mortals to enjoy the season, it is He who brings happiness into lives to intermingle with the sorrows which must be entered likewise. You have but to observe to really gain the spirit of Christmas.

COLONEL WILLIAM MITCHELL AN OUTCAST, COURT DECLARES

Colonel William Mitchell, the fiery crusader in the United States Air forces, has been found guilty by a court and sentenced to be suspended from the service for a period of five years, his speech and his acts are regarded as being detrimental to the disciplinary measures necessary for the maintenance of the United States army and navy.

With such news, we pause to wonder how many citizens with the good of America at heart will believe that the Mitchell case was not a frameup from start to finish, a direct effort to remove a man from the forces who "knew too much?"

Mitchell has been suspended for a five year period and we are of the opinion that his suspension is not his own, but his nation's loss. Mitchell knows aeroplanes, Mitchell knows the needs of the department, if America is to place herself on an equal footing with other nations of the world, Mitchell handled the first line maneuvers in France seven years ago when American airmen took their places alongside Gueymier, Fonck and other foreign "aces." That was the trouble, Mitchell knew what he was talking about while the greybeards with their political pull, their swivel chairs and their fat salaries knew nothing. They did not want the world to know that they were responsible for Lansdowne's death, they did not care to have the news broadcast that they could not send a plane from the shores of this nation to Hawaii—they were afraid that some of their political prestige might vanish. Their fears were correct, their prestige has been spirited away with the decision that has been handed down against Mitchell, branding him with conduct unbecoming an officer, a lack of discipline and insubordination.

They are right in one sense only—Colonel Mitchell should have recognized his superiors, though they were not his superiors in mental capacity, regarding the situation in the air. He should have not attacked their position while he was in the service and working under their direct orders. Discipline must stand, no matter to what degree of foolhardiness the order might carry. Discipline is an order and a custom, it is useful always for without discipline there would be no maintenance of army or navy, let alone the discussion of a separate and distinct air department. In that point alone has Mitchell been incorrect, for the rest he has been in the right fighting for American principles and American rights.

His testimony will stand unshaken in the minds of the American people, regardless of the opinion handed down that he has been guilty of insubordination. The indictment against Colonel Mitchell does not state that he does not know his subject, it does not say that he talks at random, it merely states that he is guilty of conduct unbecoming a soldier, and it was on that basis that the court brought in a verdict against the air chief.

Now what is America to do? What can she do with men in high stations of command who do not know the difference in a flying plane and a death trap, flaming coffins? Were these men in charge of the ground traffic of the nation it is likely they would discard the automobile as a luxury and return to the horse and buggy as an economic basis. They are not looking to America's air future—they are looking after their own jobs and America is going to have to foot the bill unless others of Mitchell's calibre are found in the service.

The court has done a service for Mitchell in a way—that court has made Mitchell stronger with the American people than any building of a monstrous air fleet ever could have done. Mitchell has fought for a principle and lost—he has battled for the lives of American airmen and has been dismissed on what might be termed a technicality. It is strange how the mills of justice grind at all—justice indeed, is blind.



**OFFICE
CAT**
By Junius

A mere mortal man never realizes how weak he is until he tries to quit smoking.

Some parents spend more money sending their sons to college when they don't know where their next car is coming from.

"Why do they always carry an axe in a case at the end of the railway coach?"
"To open the window with."

A village has no leisure class except the man whose wife takes in boarders.

"Merchants have beautiful windows," says a headline in a Kansas paper. Bay windows, too, some of them.

Some of the things that come over the wire are not fit for me to hear," said the telephone operator to the ineman.

He answered, "Can't expect to work around electricity without getting a shock once in a while."

Now You Tell One
First Bachelor: "How old is Miss Spinster, doesn't she claim twenty-five?"

Second Bach: "Dunno what she claims, but at her last birthday party when they lighted the candles on her cake, five people were overcome by the heat."

"What is it when you're married to more than one woman?"

"Polygamy."
"And when you're married to one only?"
"Monotony."

People who know their oats usually reap a big harvest.

"Oh, I've had my shot at this publishing stuff," remarked Windy Wolf, who has done just about everything in this world, "when I was a kid I used to call up my girl over a rural telephone."

The invention of short skirts was neat way of escaping the old-fashioned embarrassments of a windy day.

Rickety, rickety noisy rattle trap I feel sorry for you if you buy it. No reasonable offer refused. Ben Griffin, 301 Main. For Sale At in Exchange.

FUNERAL HELD

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Bethel cemetery for B. F. Godfrey, beloved resident of the Rural Grove community, who died Sunday afternoon, according to word received here today.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB NOTES

Lacey Springs Club
The Lacey Springs girls club held a regular meeting in the Junior Lodge early in December and four new members were enrolled.
The following program was rendered:
Welcome song—By the club.
Reading—Manners in club by Ethel Davis Gamble.
Reading Lacey Springs club—by the club.
After the program and business meeting a very interesting dyeing lesson was given by Miss Hamilton, our County Home demonstration agent, who had a number of beautiful dyed articles to show.
Much enthusiasm was shown.

Pageant Will Be Given Sunday at 7

The Christmas pageant, "The Children's Star," presented with twenty characters will be given Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at the First Christian Church Albany. The pageant is under the direction of Miss Katherine Smith and is to provide an enjoyable and profitable evening. The church will be decorated for the occasion.

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One girl expressed the meeting by saying "I didn't know club girls could have so much fun."
The guests on this occasion were Mesdames T. J. Terrell, N. J. Hough, J. D. Atkinson, W. E. Hough and Emma Smith.
Signed: Annie Thomas reporter.

Woodland Mill's Women Organized
The ladies of Woodland Mills, met December 7, 1:30 p. m. and organized a home demonstration club. There were enrolled about thirteen members. Officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. G. W. McCutcheon, vice president, Mrs. D. O. Oldacre, secretary Mrs. L. R. McCutcheon. Delegates were appointed to meet Miss Eddy in Hartsville next month.

Miss Hamilton gave an interesting talk after which Mrs. E. L. Hayes talked on P. T. A.

We adjourned to meet next month
Signed: Mrs. L. R. McCutcheon Secretary

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SOCIAL CALENDAR FRI DAY

Bridge Shower for Miss Garnett bride to be of this month given by Mrs. O. P. Stinson and Mrs. Spencer Garnett.
Mary Lou Dancy Chapter No. 320, O. E. S. 7:30 p. m. Hall
Friday Thirteen, Mrs. H. D. Burnum.
Canal Street Rook Club, Mrs. Himes.
Parent-Teachers Association, Decatur high school 4 o'clock.

SATURDAY

Saturday Club Mrs. Lamar Penney

HARVEST DAY CELEBRATION

The heavy down-pour of rain on Tuesday did not dampen the ardor of the ladies of the Missionary Society of the Trinity Church. They met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Emens for their harvest day program.

This home was never prettier decorated in the harvest purple and brown and gold with touches of red and green for the Christmas colors.

The living room and dining room were lighted by numerous red candles in crystal candle sticks and the shaded electric lights lent a soft glow to the scene.

After singing the doxology, Rev. S. V. Blythe conducted the devotional.

The ladies then presented "Fruits of the Year" as Miss Emma Morris in her inimitable manner read the vision she had seen, Mrs. McBride (dressed in white) silently appeared as the "Great Recorder."

The president, Mrs. Will Emens, was the first speaker. She gave a short history of the year's work. Her gift was a large golden pumpkin.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Blythe came next with four perfect, rosy-cheeked apples.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Wheeler a can of luscious, red cherries.

Mrs. J. S. Davis, Superintendent of social service carried a bunch of beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Frank Emens, Treasurer and Superintendent of Study with a basket of rich, brown nuts and a magnificent bunch of grapes.

Mrs. Neville, Superintendent of children a faultless sweet potato.

Mrs. Gamble, Superintendent of supplies a bright, tinsel-covered tree.

Mrs. Chas. Emens, in a very unique way represented the Voice Agent. She wore a mantle covered with copies of the Missionary Journal. Little Annie Miller Gamble from the junior division and agent for the little paper wore a robe made of their "Young Christian Worker."

This was a very solemn and impressive part of the program.

At one o'clock a delicious plate luncheon was served.

The afternoon session was in charge of Mrs. Annie Sanders of Athens, district secretary. In her charming manner she told of the work of the district using as a topic lessons from Paul's life. Her talk was very inspiring and helpful.

Roll was called, each member responding with a verse bearing on seed-time and harvest. Dues were collected. The ladies then gave an account of their stewardship, how they had increased the talent (25c) which had been lent to them in September. The ways and means of making the money were very amusing. Some had been unprofitable but not slothful.

The hymn "Come Ye Thankful people Come" was sung after which Miss Morris dismissed with a short prayer.

This is decidedly the best year this Auxiliary has ever had. Each member was encouraged and inspired to attempt greater things in the future.

KAHN-NORWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. John Norwood announce the marriage of their daughter, Jane, to Mr. Isadore Kahn, of Houston, Texas. The wedding occurred on December 16th at Houston. The bride was one of Albany's most attractive girls and Mr. Kahn is a prominent business man of Houston.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. J. Y. Hamill entertained the Thursday club this week and she had as extra guests, Miss Dorothy Patterson and Mrs. Ellen Ballas.

Mrs. H. H. May won the club prize and Miss Patterson, the guest souvenir.

Delectable refreshments were served after the games of bridge.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Elliott will entertain some of their friends on Friday evening at dinner at Rentree, celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. S. E. Patterson returned home Thursday night from Rome, Ga., where she was called Saturday by the death of her aunt.

Miss Kate Frazier and Ormond Frazier will arrive home tonight from Tuscaloosa, where they are students of the University, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nichols and little son James Henry, Jr., of Covington, Ky., will arrive Sunday to be the holiday guest of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nichols.

Miss Maxey Speake returned home Friday morning from Centenary College, to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hefner and children will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother in Florence.

Mrs. J. H. Mayes will go to Clarksville, Tenn., in a few days to be the over Christmas guest of relatives.

Mrs. H. A. Skeggs returned home Wednesday from an extended visit to her son, Will Skeggs, in Oklahoma City. En route home she stopped in Memphis and was the guest for a few days of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Kortrecht who accompanied her home. Mr. Kortrecht will arrive Wednesday to spend Christmas weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Johnson and children Russell, Reba and Ralph spent the weekend with relatives in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Skeggs of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma have renamed their infant son, Henry A. Skeggs III.

Miss Baby Beas Bailey who attends the U. of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, is expected home Friday night to spend a couple of weeks holidays.

MRS. WOODS, CLUB HOSTESS

The Silk Stocking club met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Joseph Woods.

The club prize for highest score was won by Mrs. John Bragg. Dainty refreshments were enjoyed late in the afternoon.

Mrs. Susan Robinson will go to Birmingham to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Julian Bibb.

Dr. L. A. Neill left Thursday night for Boston where he will join Mrs. Neill and their daughter, Miss Louise to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Neill is a student of Wellesley College there.

Billy Giles will return from Spring Hill, Tenn., on Friday night to spend the holidays at home. He is a student of Brannum and Hughes.

Friends of W. G. McKoin will be glad to know that he is able to be out of the hospital and now at his home on 3rd avenue south.

Austinville News

Mrs. Mary Roper, Mrs. Brown Hall of Birmingham and Miss Dorothy Roper of that Rock school will be the guests of Mrs. W. C. Royce.

The banquet given by the Epworth league Tuesday evening was a marked success. A large crowd attended and spent a most enjoyable evening.

L. V. Parker who has been ill at his home for sometime is not improved.

The Misses Gladys and Velma Gibson of Birmingham and Miss Bertie Gibson of New York city are the weekend guests of Miss Megina De Graffenread.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Looney of Albany are again residents of Austinville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Craft of Jonesboro, Ark., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meadows over the holidays.

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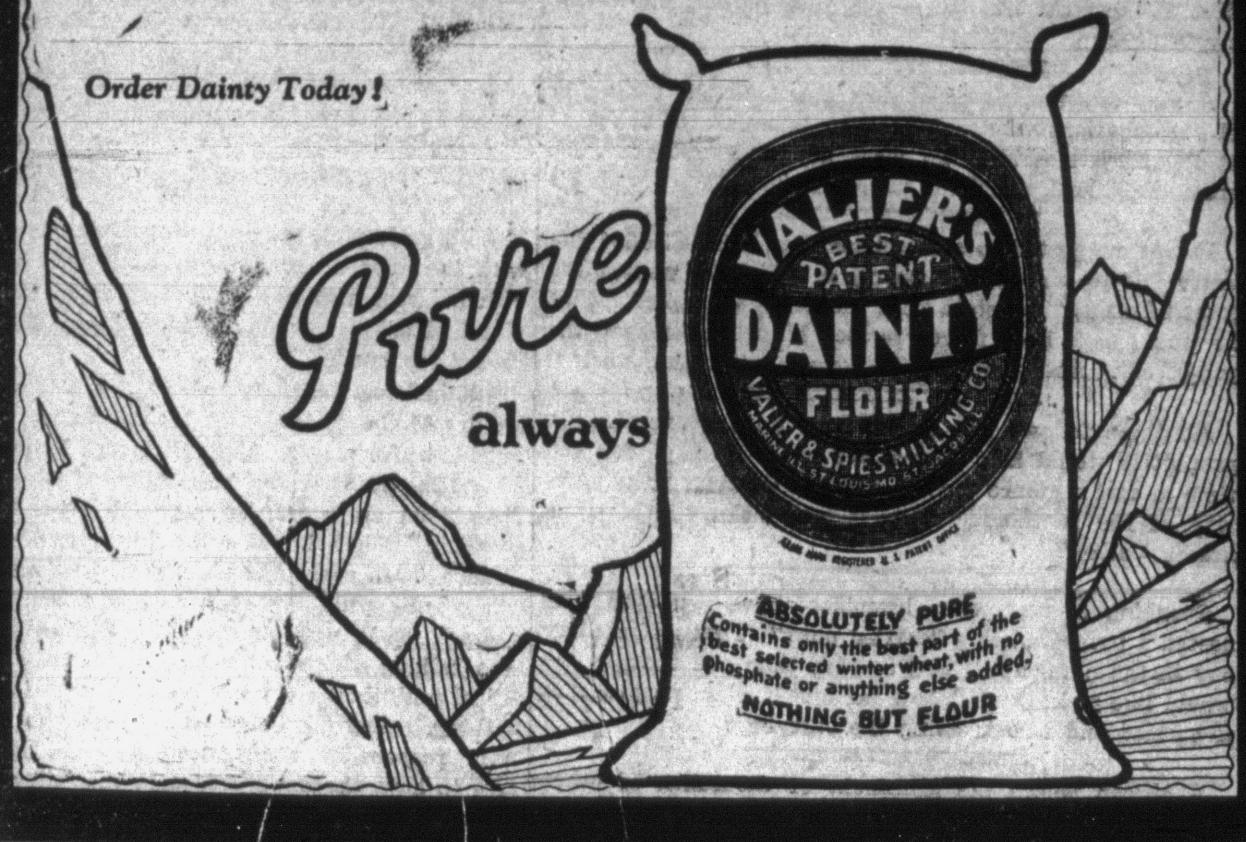
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1/2 cup milk
1 cup chopped raisins
Cream shortening, add sugar and beaten eggs. Add flour, baking powder and spices which have been sifted together. Add milk and mix well; mix in raisins which have been slightly floured. Bake in small greased tins in moderate oven about 25 minutes.

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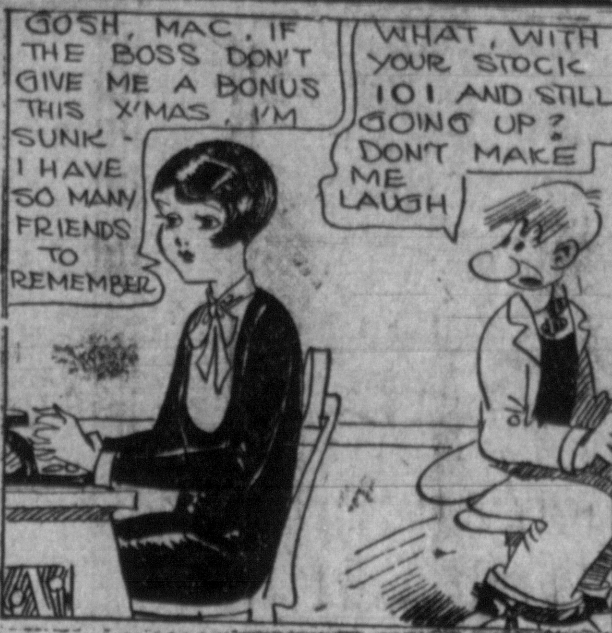
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He Lacks Judgment and Resistance to Temptation, But He Can Pass Muster in the Chatter of a Ballroom.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
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SOMEONE writes to ask what is a moron. The war and cross-word puzzles brought into common use a lot of words which used to mean nothing to the average person. One such word is "moron."

It is derived from the Greek and really means "a fool." Perhaps it is unfortunately applied, because the term does not fit the really foolish person. It is used to describe one who is underprivileged mentally, but yet who is intellectually far above the idiot or imbecile.

The term moron is applied to a person who never developed mentally beyond the age of ten or twelve years. The moron knows the difference between right and wrong and may be so developed, indeed, as to go through life almost as well as the normal person.

The normal child of ten or twelve knows a lot. He doesn't always really know as much as he thinks he does. But anyhow he knows as much as a normal child of the same age.

The term has no other meaning than to describe a mind which is incapable of thinking great thoughts and of going on to still greater achievements. The mind of the moron is stunted and dwarfed. In consequence, his views are those of a child and his character is no more fixed and stable than that of a child of ten or twelve years.

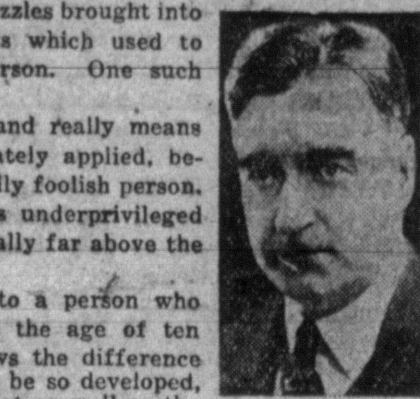
The word is improperly used sometimes. It may be applied to one who is a degenerate or morally corrupt. This is an improper application of the term, because one may be a moron and be a perfectly respectable member of society, a consistent church member even.

An idiot can be taught nothing. He must be washed and dressed and looked after all his life.

An imbecile, in a sense, is a high-grade idiot. He is incapable of progressing beyond the point reached by a child six or seven years old. The moron may be a great talker, a fluent reader, and, within limits, may make considerable progress. If society is his only aim, his defect may never be discovered. At times nothing and ballroom chatter are peculiarly suited to the moronic mind.

In any field where judgment, mature wisdom and the resistance of subtle evil are required the moron will fail and possibly fail. Properly sheltered and guarded, the moron may have a happy and useful life.

As children are now cared for in infancy and childhood, we will find fewer morons. With advanced knowledge of right living, the causes



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of the birth of this type will disappear.

Answers to Health Queries

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Mrs. D. Q.—How can I reduce?

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E. M. S. Q.—What causes brittle nails?

A.—This is due to some constitutional disorder, such as anemia; some nutritional or blood disorder and very often to the use of hard water and caustic soap.

L. A. Q.—Kindly advise me if thickening of the lungs (fan shaped) indicates tuberculosis?

A.—Yes, usually, but it may not be active.

W. W. Q.—Is it possible to cure neurasthenia?

A.—Yes. Sleep, rest, fresh air, gentle exercise, change of scene and diversion are all essential.

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Your little friend,
Hollis Cobb

Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a coaster wagon, policeman suit, tinker toy and lots of good things to eat. I have been sick but will be all right then.

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Johnny Smither

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Your Little Boy,
Charles Stubblefield

Yours truly
Frank Martin

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